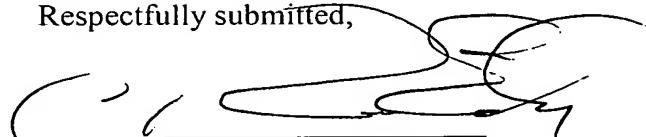


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Remarks

Claim 18 has been amended and claims 1-19 remain in the application. The specification has been amended to more correctly describe the operation of the invention of Figs. 4-5. Applicants submit that the claims in the application are patentably distinct and allowable, and the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney should any questions arise.

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